Plan period for the purpose. During 1995-96, an amount of Rs. 82 crores has been allocated for the programme.

Closure of Regional Offices in Kanpur and Hyderabad

*728. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to close two of its regional offices of the Development Commissioner for iron and steel in Kanpur and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In the context of deregulation and decontrol of steel industry, an exercise was carried out to redefine the role and responsibilities of the organisation of the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel in the changed liberalised scenario and also to consider an appropriate organisational structure for discharge of these responsibilities in a cost effective manner. In pursuance of this, it was decided to rationalise the organisation by strengthening the 4 Regional Offices at Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta & Madras and close down the Regional Offices at Kanpur & Hyderabad.

Reduction in Budgetary Support in Sports

*729. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to reduce its role in development of sports in 1995-96;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced budgetary support for sports in 1995-96;

(c) whether Sports Authority of India will also reduce its role; and

(d) the details of programmes in sports development which will be cut back?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, there has been a marginal reduction in the budgetary support for sports in 1995-96.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As a result of reduction in the budget, the grants to Sports Federations for various purposes such as holding of coaching camps, competition exposure to teams/sportspersons abroad, sports equipment etc. will be effected. There will also be curtailment in the intake under the schemes for nurturing of talent by the Sports Authority of India. It will become difficult to replace the synthetic surface in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and complete some of the on-going works of Sport Authority of India.

Service Centres in Trans-Yamuna Areas

730. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine sites were earmarked in Master Plan (MPD-2000) for service centres in Trans-Yamuna area of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the same have been encroached upon and illegally used as fish ponds etc.; and

(c) whether the proposal to raise appropriate service centres at these sites has been referred to Government for approval by the DDA (Delhi Development Authority) if so, at what stage the proposal stands, and by when service centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Nine sites have been earmarked in MPD-2001 for

service centres in Trans-Yamuna Area of Delhi.

(b) Out of nine service centre sites in MPD-2001, five are fully or partly encroached upon or unauthorisedly constructed upon, but they are not used for fish ponds.

(c) No, Sir, as no such approval is required. What has been referred to Government are four proposals in respect of alternative sites for approval to process for land use change. Out of these four proposals, Government has accorded approval in two cases and the remaining two cases have been referred back to DDA for necessary facts and details. The land use change has been notified in one of the two cases approved by Government. According to present estimates, most of the shops in service centres at the four sites which are free from encroachment will be disposed of by DDA by the end of 1995.

Provision for Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST Scheme

*731. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recently a representation from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar-National Association of Engineers, Bombay, demanding an increase in the provision for post matric scholarships for SC/ST Scheme, for the year 1995-96, in the light of the recommendations of the High Level Committee Report of 1987;

(b) if so, what were their precise demands; and

(c) what was the Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The precise demands in the representation are that the proposed increase in the scholarship rate of 50% for technical courses and 30% for non-technical courses is not sufficient and that the hike should have been to atleast 400%. Besides the association has also demanded that in the current year's budget adequate funds should be provided to that extent.

(c) The proposal of enhancement of the rates of Post Matric Scholarships was put to Planning Commission which has agreed only for increase of 50% for professional and technical courses and 30% for non-technical courses. The matter is being further processed for issue of Government orders to that effect applicable from 1995-96.

Setting up granite and bentonite units in Gujarat

*732. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the setting up of granite and bentonite exploration and processing units in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (b) The State Government of Gujarat has stated that there is no proposal for the setting up of exploration and processing units of granite and bentonite in the small scale sector in the State.

Construction of Dam on Narmada

*733. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise details of the progress made with reference to the decision of Narmada water dispute tribunal in regard to construction of dams on Narmada river, water storage and